



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on the Judiciary

### Minutes for MARCH 25, 2021, 4:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on March 25, 2021, 4:30 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Grady, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Woodrum, Beach, Caputo, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Blair, Takubo

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**S. B. 655 - Eliminating sunset and legislative audit provisions for certain PSC rules.**

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

Senator Weld moved the language of the committee substitute.

Senator Maynard requested a ruling under the provisions of Senate Rule 43.

Chairman Trump replied that any impact of the Senator would be a member of a class of persons possibly to be affected by the passage of this bill, and refused to excuse Senator Maynard from voting.

The committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S. B. 657 - Relating to free expression on state institution of higher education campuses.**

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute for committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, James Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, West Virginia University, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Tyler Coward, Legislative Counsel, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Matthew Vester, Faculty Member, West Virginia University, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute for committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute for committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee recessed.

The committee reconvened.

**H. B. 2495 - Relating to the filing of asbestos and silica claims.**

Mark Dean, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, John Hurst, Attorney with Motley Rice, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S. B. 674 - Clarifying that unpaid restitution does not preclude person from obtaining driver's license.**

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Grady, the committee recommended the bill for passage.

**S. B. 530** - Establishing causes for revocation, cancellation, or suspension of business registration certificate.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Grady, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Grady, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

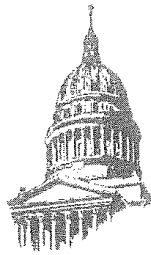
On Motion of Senator Grady the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Clerk/Analyst



The Senate of West Virginia

Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in  
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

John Hurst

Print Witness Name

Beverly Douglas

Testimony Attested to by Committee  
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Charles S. Trump

Print Member Name

Charles S. Trump

Sign Member Name